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(2-08)UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
CHARGE AGAINST EMPLOYER**DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE**Case
25-CA-230299Date Filed
10/31/18**INSTRUCTIONS:**

File an original with NLRB Regional Director for the region in which the alleged unfair labor practice occurred or is occurring.

1. EMPLOYER AGAINST WHOM CHARGE IS BROUGHT	
a. Name of Employer Sparc	b. Tel. No. (217) 793-2100
	c. Cell No.
	f. Fax No.
d. Address (Street, city, state, and ZIP code) 232 N Bruns Ln IL Springfield 62702-4613	e. Employer Representative g. e-Mail h. Number of workers employed 15
i. Type of Establishment (factory, mine, wholesaler, etc.) Others	j. Identify principal product or service Services for adults with disabilities
k. The above-named employer has engaged in and is engaging in unfair labor practices within the meaning of section 8(a), subsections (1) and (list subsections) 3, 5 of the National Labor Relations Act, and these unfair labor practices are practices affecting commerce within the meaning of the Act, or these unfair labor practices are unfair practices affecting commerce within the meaning of the Act and the Postal Reorganization Act.	
2. Basis of the Charge (set forth a clear and concise statement of the facts constituting the alleged unfair labor practices) --See additional page--	
3. Full name of party filing charge (if labor organization, give full name, including local name and number) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Title:	
4a. Address (Street and number, city, state, and ZIP code) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	4b. Tel. No. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
	4c. Cell No.
	4d. Fax No.
	4e. e-Mail (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
5. Full name of national or international labor organization of which it is an affiliate or constituent unit (to be filled in when charge is filed by a labor organization)	
6. DECLARATION I declare that I have read the above charge and that the statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.	
By (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (signature of representative or person making charge)	Title: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (Print/type name and title or office, if any)
Address (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Tel. No. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
	Office, if any, Cell No.
	Fax No.
	e-Mail (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
	10/31/2018 13:48:28 (date)

WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENTS ON THIS CHARGE CAN BE PUNISHED BY FINE AND IMPRISONMENT (U.S. CODE, TITLE 18, SECTION 1001)**PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT**

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Basis of the Charge

8(a)(3)

Within the previous six months, the Employer discharged an employee(s) because the employee(s) joined or supported a labor organization and in order to discourage union activities and/or membership.

Name of employee discharged	Approximate date of discharge
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 018
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8(a)(5)

Within the previous six months, the Employer failed and refused to recognize the union as the collective bargaining representative of its employees.



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November 1, 2018

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Re: Sparc
Case 25-CA-230299

Dear (b) (6), (b) (7)(C):

The charge that you filed in this case on October 31, 2018 has been docketed as case number 25-CA-230299. This letter tells you how to contact the Board agent who will be investigating the charge, explains your right to be represented, discusses presenting your evidence, and provides a brief explanation of our procedures, including how to submit documents to the NLRB.

Investigator: This charge is being investigated by Field Examiner VANESSA J. BUDKE whose telephone number is (309)740-7512. If this Board agent is not available, you may contact Supervisory Field Examiner ROGER CHASTAIN whose telephone number is (317)991-7639.

Right to Representation: You have the right to be represented by an attorney or other representative in any proceeding before us. If you choose to be represented, your representative must notify us in writing of this fact as soon as possible by completing *Form NLRB-4701, Notice of Appearance*. This form is available on our website, www.nlrb.gov, or from an NLRB office upon your request.

If you are contacted by someone about representing you in this case, please be assured that no organization or person seeking your business has any "inside knowledge" or favored relationship with the National Labor Relations Board. Their knowledge regarding this proceeding was only obtained through access to information that must be made available to any member of the public under the Freedom of Information Act.

Presentation of Your Evidence: As the party who filed the charge in this case, it is your responsibility to meet with the Board agent to provide a sworn affidavit, or provide other witnesses to provide sworn affidavits, and to provide relevant documents within your possession. Because we seek to resolve labor disputes promptly, you should be ready to promptly present your affidavit(s) and other evidence. If you have not yet scheduled a date and time for the Board agent to take your affidavit, please contact the Board agent to schedule the affidavit(s). If you fail to cooperate in promptly presenting your evidence, your charge may be dismissed without investigation.

Preservation of all Potential Evidence: Please be mindful of your obligation to preserve all relevant documents and electronically stored information (ESI) in this case, and to take all steps necessary to avoid the inadvertent loss of information in your possession, custody or control. Relevant information includes, but is not limited to, paper documents and all ESI (e.g. SMS text messages, electronic documents, emails, and any data created by proprietary software tools) related to the above-captioned case.

Prohibition on Recording Affidavit Interviews: It is the policy of the General Counsel to prohibit affiants from recording the interview conducted by Board agents when subscribing Agency affidavits. Such recordings may impede the Agency's ability to safeguard the confidentiality of the affidavit itself, protect the privacy of the affiant and potentially compromise the integrity of the Region's investigation.

Procedures: We strongly urge everyone to submit all documents and other materials by E-Filing (not e-mailing) through our website, www.nlr.gov. However, the Agency will continue to accept timely filed paper documents. Please include the case name and number indicated above on all your correspondence regarding the charge. The Agency requests all evidence submitted electronically to be in the form it is normally used and maintained in the course of business (i.e., native format). Where evidence submitted electronically is not in native format, it should be submitted in a manner that retains the essential functionality of the native format (i.e., in a machine-readable and searchable electronic format). If you have questions about the submission of evidence or expect to deliver a large quantity of electronic records, please promptly contact the Board agent investigating the charge.

Information about the Agency, the procedures we follow in unfair labor practice cases and our customer service standards is available on our website, www.nlr.gov or from an NLRB office upon your request. *NLRB Form 4541, Investigative Procedures* offers information that is helpful to parties involved in an investigation of an unfair labor practice charge.

We can provide assistance for persons with limited English proficiency or disability. Please let us know if you or any of your witnesses would like such assistance.

Qualifying for Backpay: We are just beginning to investigate your charge and no decision has been made regarding the merits of your case. However, it is important that employees who might be entitled to backpay because of loss of employment understand their obligation to look for work in order to qualify for backpay if your case has merit. Accordingly, we urge you to promptly provide the Board agent with the names and addresses of all employees who might be entitled to backpay as a result of the charge you filed.

If backpay is due to an employee, the Board requires that the employee offset the backpay by promptly beginning to look for another job in the same or similar line of work. The Board has held that a reasonably diligent employee should begin searching for interim work within 2 weeks after the employee's termination or layoff or a refusal to hire the employee. If an employee cannot establish that he or she actively tried to mitigate his or her losses, the amount of money owed to the employee might be reduced.

Employees who might be owed backpay should keep careful records of when and where they have sought employment and of job search expenses such as mileage, parking, and copying resumes. Specifically, they should keep a record of each time they attempt to find work, including the date, name of the company, name of person with whom they spoke, the position sought, and the response received.

Very truly yours,

PATRICIA K. NACHAND
Regional Director

By:

/s/ Nathaniel E. Strickler

NATHANIEL E. STRICKLER
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Presentation of Your Evidence: We seek prompt resolutions of labor disputes. Therefore, I urge you or your representative to submit a complete written account of the facts and a statement of your position with respect to the allegations set forth in the charge by November 15, 2018. If the Board agent later asks for more evidence, I strongly urge you or your representative to cooperate fully by promptly presenting all evidence relevant to the investigation. In this way, the case can be fully investigated more quickly.

Full and complete cooperation includes providing witnesses to give sworn affidavits to a Board agent, and providing all relevant documentary evidence requested by the Board

agent. Sending us your written account of the facts and a statement of your position is not enough to be considered full and complete cooperation. A refusal to fully cooperate during the investigation might cause a case to be litigated unnecessarily.

In addition, either you or your representative must complete the enclosed Commerce Questionnaire to enable us to determine whether the NLRB has jurisdiction over this dispute. If you recently submitted this information in another case, or if you need assistance completing the form, please contact the Board agent.

We will not honor any request to place limitations on our use of position statements or evidence beyond those prescribed by the Freedom of Information Act and the Federal Records Act. Thus, we will not honor any claim of confidentiality except as provided by Exemption 4 of FOIA, 5 U.S.C. Sec. 552(b)(4), and any material you submit may be introduced as evidence at any hearing before an administrative law judge. We are also required by the Federal Records Act to keep copies of documents gathered in our investigation for some years after a case closes. Further, the Freedom of Information Act may require that we disclose such records in closed cases upon request, unless there is an applicable exemption. Examples of those exemptions are those that protect confidential financial information or personal privacy interests.

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Enclosures:

1. Copy of Charge
2. Commerce Questionnaire

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

SPARC

Charged Party

and

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Charging Party

Case 25-CA-230299

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE OF CHARGE AGAINST EMPLOYER

I, the undersigned employee of the National Labor Relations Board, state under oath that on November 1, 2018, I served the above-entitled document(s) by post-paid regular mail upon the following persons, addressed to them at the following addresses:

Sparc
232 N Bruns Ln
Springfield, IL 62702-4613

November 1, 2018

Date

Jamila Franklin, Designated Agent of
NLRB

Name

/s/ Jamila Franklin

Signature

NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) , (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) , (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) ,
and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

and

SPARC

CASE 25-CA-230299

☒ REGIONAL DIRECTOR

☐ EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
Washington, DC 20570

☐ GENERAL COUNSEL
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
Washington, DC 20570

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY ENTERS APPEARANCE AS REPRESENTATIVE OF _____

Sparc

IN THE ABOVE-CAPTIONED MATTER.

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(ES) BELOW:

☒ REPRESENTATIVE IS AN ATTORNEY

☒ IF REPRESENTATIVE IS AN ATTORNEY, IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THE PARTY MAY RECEIVE COPIES OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS OR CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE AGENCY IN ADDITION TO THOSE DESCRIBED BELOW, THIS BOX MUST BE CHECKED. IF THIS BOX IS NOT CHECKED, THE PARTY WILL RECEIVE ONLY COPIES OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS SUCH AS CHARGES, PETITIONS AND FORMAL DOCUMENTS AS DESCRIBED IN SEC. 11842.3 OF THE CASEHANDLING MANUAL.

(REPRESENTATIVE INFORMATION)


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DATE: 11-6-2018 (Please sign in ink.)

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